

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004. Claims 34-35 and 51-53 are pending.

The oath or declaration is objected to in paragraph 1 of the Office Action. This mere formality objection is respectfully traversed. The declaration is entirely proper. If the Examiner is referring to the signature page of inventor David R. Hall, the address was written in on the date the declaration was signed as indicated by the date of April 29, 2002. Thus, the declaration is properly dated in this respect, and is entirely proper.

Claims 34-35 and 51-53 stand rejected under Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Fujimori (US 4,368,945) in view of Veerasamy (US 6,312,808). This Section 103(a) rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons. Veerasamy is not properly used under Section 103. In particular, Veerasamy and the instant invention are commonly owned, and were commonly owned at the time of the invention. Thus, Veerasamy cannot be used in a rejection under Section 103(c).

Claims 34-35 and 51-53 stand rejected under Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Fujimori (US 4,368,945) in view of Veerasamy (2002/0117250). This Section 103(a) rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons. Veerasamy is not properly used under Section 103. In particular, Veerasamy and the instant invention are commonly owned, and were commonly owned at the time of the invention. Thus, Veerasamy cannot be used in a rejection under Section 103(c).

Claim 34 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Fujimori (US 4,368,945). This Section 102(b) rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Claim 34 requires that "the first glass substrate is an ion beam milled glass substrate, so that at least an interior surface of the first glass substrate located under a low-E coating is ion beam milled; and where the windshield has a visible transmission of at least 70%." The cited art fails to disclose or suggest this aspect of claim 34. In particular, Fujimori fails to disclose or suggest that any surface is ion beam milled, let alone an interior surface of a glass substrate under a low-E coating as required by claim 34. Thus, the claim is not anticipated.

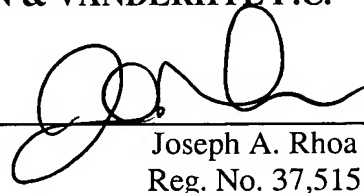
Claims 52-53 require certain haze values. Fujimori fails to disclose or suggest the haze values recited in claims 52-53. Again, the rejection lacks merit.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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